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EXAMINING GROUP 3731**

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Applicants: Kevin S. Weadock, et al. **Examiner:** D.P. Erez
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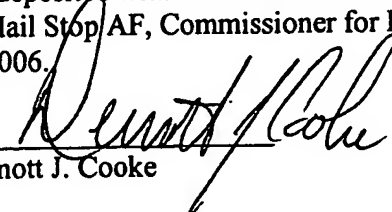
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